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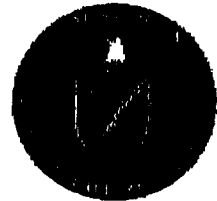
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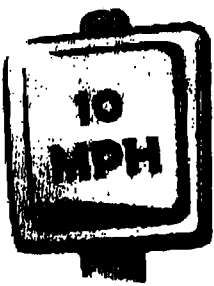


### DOE Announces Management Changes for Environmental Management Program



As part of its Environmental Management Program review, DOE announced yesterday that 40 percent of the 70 Senior Executives in the Environmental Management (EM) program are being reassigned in order to strengthen, streamline, and delay the leadership of the program. This action also reduces the number of Senior Executives in EM headquarters by approximately 30 percent.

"The purpose of these reassignments is to better leverage the unique talents of these executives, force better integration between the field and headquarters of the real, on-the-ground challenges confronting the program, and to stimulate new thinking and creative solutions to our cleanup challenges," Assistant Secretary of Environmental Management Jessie Roberson said. These changes are consistent with recommendations from the recently released top-to-bottom review of the Environmental Management program. Cross-rotational assignments will be used with greater frequency across senior levels of the organization to ensure that executives have both field and headquarters expertise.



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The speed limit in the Skeen-Whitlock Building parking lot is 10 MPH.

A total of 27 senior staff are involved in the first round of executive reassignments. Reassignments include moves from headquarters to the field, field to headquarters, moves between field offices, and positional moves in headquarters. The 30 percent reduction in headquarters executives is being achieved by executives leaving the Senior Executive Service, reassignment into Senior Advisor positions, and moves to other field or headquarters organizations. "Executive reassignments will continue in order to better develop the program's leadership cadre and to keep a fresh and dynamic perspective about solving the EM challenges," Assistant Secretary Roberson said. Some of the reassignments announced include:

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### Child Passenger Safety Presentation

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Child Passenger Safety presentation by the Eddy County Sheriff's Department that was scheduled for February 20 will be rescheduled. Watch WIPPToday in the coming days for more information.

-- Safety Awareness Committee

**Black History  
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**Jim Beckwourth**

As a child, Jim Beckwourth was fascinated by tales about the mountain men of the West. His dream was to become an explorer of the western wilderness, an unheard of goal for an African American of his time. His eagerness and persistence were rewarded when he landed a job as a scout for the Rocky Mountain Fur Company.

Beckwourth became such an expert hunter and fur trader that he was

- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, James Owendoff, will become the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology.
- The current Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology, Gerald Boyd, will move to the Oak Ridge Operations Office in Tennessee to fill the recently vacated position of Assistant Manager for Environmental Management.
- Two of EM's site managers -- Dr. Harry Boston, currently at the Office of River Protection in Washington, and Dr. Susan Brechbill, Ohio Field Office -- will relocate to EM headquarters. Also moving to headquarters is Robert Roselli, Deputy Manager for the Richland Operations Office in Washington.
- Roy Schepens, currently at Savannah River Site in South Carolina, will replace Dr. Boston as the Office of River Protection Site Manager.
- A new position -- to be filled by William Murphie from headquarters -- is being created to manage the Portsmouth, Ohio and Paducah, Ky. sites.
- Kim Chaney and Robert Goldsmith are being reassigned from headquarters to the Rocky Flats Field Office in Colorado as the Deputy Manager and Assistant Manager for Safety Programs respectively.
- Marvin Garcia, also from headquarters, will become the Assistant Manager for Business and Logistics for the Savannah River Operations Office in South Carolina.
- Sandra Johnson will move from the Office of River Protection to headquarters as the Director of the Office of Safety, Health and Security.
- Mark Fref, currently the acting Field Manager for the Idaho Operations Office will be returning to headquarters in the near future as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Site Closure.
- Dr. Theresa Fryberger, from EM headquarters, will move into DOE's Office of Science as the Division Director for Research and Environmental Remediation.
- David Hulzenga is moving from EM's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Integration and Disposition to DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration. [Tracy Mustin is also moving to NNSA.]
- Thad Konopnicki, also from EM headquarters, is moving to DOE's Office of Engineering and Construction Management.

Replacements for the Idaho Operations Office and the Ohio Field Office manager positions will be selected through the competitive process.

### Profile: Richard Fry

Richard Fry is a long time WIPP employee. He started at WIPP in June 1986 as a Systems Analyst for the Westinghouse Information Resource Management (IRM) section.



Richard stayed with IRM for about 10 years. It's a time in his career that he remembers fondly.

"IRM was a great group of people to work with and my duties in computer programming ensured that I was doing something different every day."